HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

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The following items have been moved (migrated) to Production for use by Agencies beginning on May 29, 2006.

- The following new name suffix values were loaded:
    - 2nd
    - 5th

- The following wage rate tables were loaded effective 5/14/2006:
    - 008R
    - 009R
    - 086R

- The following health plan was loaded effective 1/8/2006: JR2.

- The modification made for the GS pay administration changes effective 5/1/2005 rolled up locality into base pay for both retained pay and retained grade employees. Upon further review, this regulation only affects retained pay employees. Therefore, the logic for the retained grade employees has been removed. Retained grade employees (pay rate determinants A, B, E, and F) are eligible for locality pay. Retained pay employees (pay rate determinants 3, J, K, U and V) are no longer eligible for locality adjustment. Instead, locality is rolled-up into Base Pay.

- An online modification was made to prevent users from (a) adding commas, periods and digits on the First Name and Last Name fields; (b)from entering commas and digits in the Middle Name field; (c) from entering suffixes (i.e. 3rd, III, JR, etc.) in the Last Name field. In addition, data cleanup program has been developed for the Name fields to move Name Suffix values into the Name Suffix field, where suffixes are inadvertently added to one of the name fields (e.g. Last Name, First Name and Middle Name).

- Based on OPM guidelines, the new Ethnicity and Race Identification (ERI) codes have been added effective January 1, 2006.   The values for ERI have been added to the new Ethnicity hyperlink on the Personal Data Tab of the PAR Pages which is replacing the Ethnicity Group field. By following this link you will see both the Ethnicity Group field and the ERI field. Edits have been added to this page so that if the ERI field is updated by selecting one or multiple checkboxes that the Ethnicity Group field is also updated. You cannot enter an ERI code and then change the Ethnicity Group. The combination of Ethnic Group values and new Ethnicity and Race Identification values are as follows.

Ethnic Group	New Ethnicity and Race Identification
A American Indian/Alaskan Native	010000 American Indian or Alaska Native
B Asian or Pacific Islander	001000 Asian
C Black, not of Hispanic origin	000100 Black or African American
D Hispanic	100000 Unspecified 110000 American Indian or Alaska Native 101000 Asian or Pacific Islander 100100 Black or African American 100010 Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander 100001 White
E White, not of Hispanic origin	000001 White
F Asian Indian	001000 Asian

G Chinese	001000 Asian
H Filipino	001000 Asian
J Guamanian	000010 Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
K Hawaiian	000010 Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
L Japanese	001000 Asian
M Korean	001000 Asian
N Samoan	000010 Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
P Vietnamese	001000 Asian
Q All Other Asian o Pacific Islander	001000 Asian

- Two new interfaces have been developed as a future replacement for Central Personnel Data File (CPDF):
    - The EHRI Dynamics file interface has been implemented which replaces the Central Personnel Data File (CPDF) Dynamics File interface. (OPM is the receiver for both interfaces). The EHRI Dynamics interface is a biweekly interface, run after each pay period, which shows the changes which occurred during that previous pay period. This program will generate error files that will be emailed to HRS HelpDesk and distributed to the appropriate agencies for processing corrections in EHRP.

    - The EHRI Status file interface which replaces the Central Personnel Data File (CPDF) Status File interface. (OPM is the receiver for both interfaces). The EHRI Status interface is a monthly interface, run at the start of each month, which shows the current state of all active employees. This program will generate error files that will be emailed to HRS HelpDesk and distributed to the appropriate agencies for processing corrections in EHRP.

EHRP Public Queries

Name	Purpose	Parameters	Data Provided

* No new public queries